

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

LINDER, John (Republican)  
Representative, 7th District, Georgia  
Elected 1992 to 103rd Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Deer River, Minnesota - 9 September 1942

Home: Tucker, Georgia

Marital Status: Married (Lynne) - 2 children

Religion: Presbyterian

Education: Univ of Minnesota at Duluth, BS, 1963; Univ of Minnesota, DDS, 1967

Military: US Air Force, 1967-69, Captain, Dentist

Profession: Financial executive; dentist

Political: Georgia House, 1975-81; Republican nominee for Georgia Senate, 1980; Georgia House, 1983-91; Defeated Cathey Steinberg (D) in 1992 with 51% of the vote for the 11<sup>th</sup> District seat. Unopposed in 2000 and reelected in the redrawn 7<sup>th</sup> District in 2002 with 80% of the vote, defeating fellow incumbent Rep Bob Barr (R) who was forced to run in the same district.

Rep Linder is a pro-business conservative who favors replacing the income tax with a national sales tax, and supports Republican positions on the vast majority of floor votes, including such issues as a balanced-budget constitutional amendment, immigration and welfare law overhaul, and reducing regulatory bureaucracy. A close associate of former Speaker Gingrich, lost much of his political clout when Gingrich resigned in December 1998. In 104<sup>th</sup> Congress, was appointed to Rules Cmte; left Banking, Science, and Veterans' Affairs Committees. Said Arms Control and Disarmament Agency should be abolished.

In 105<sup>th</sup> Congress was elected chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee (Nov96). Said drug users should be quarantined at abandoned military bases so they don't "infect" others (USA Today, 11Dec97). Introduced legislation to move New Year's Day holiday in the year 2000 to Monday, 3Jan00, so that businesses, the public and computer experts would have an additional 24 hours to respond to Y2K problems that may arise (CR, 15Oct98). Lost chairmanship of National Republican Congressional Committee in Nov98.

In the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress, commenting on the House Appropriations Defense Subc attempt to cut F-22 funding said, "The sense is that we want to make our case on the House floor; but we don't want to risk a vote." (Atlanta Journal and Constitution, 22Jul99) In the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress worked to increase funding for the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Is positioned to take over as chairman of the Rules Cmte in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, assuming that current Rep Dave Dreier (R) is forced to step down because of chairmen term limits.

Additional: Charter member of Air Force Caucus.

AF Bases: None

## COMMITTEES

RULES -- Subc on Technology and the House- Chairman

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY - Subcs on: Cybersecurity, Science and Research and Development; Intelligence and Counterterrorism; Rules